

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SNAR, BM  
SUBJ: SHIPBOARD OPIUM SEIZURE

1. THE RANGOON PRESS ON APRIL 10 REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF  
239 (109 KILOGRAMS) OF OPIUM ON BOARD A SCHOONER ABOUT TO SAIL  
FROM RANGOON TO MERGUI, A PORT ON THE TENASSERIM (SOUTHERN)  
COAST OF BURMA. THE GOVERNMENT SEARCH PARTY, ACTING ON A TIP,  
ALSO ARRESTED FOUR PERSONS FOR VIOLATION OF THE NARCOTICS  
DRUG LAW.

2. COMMENT: NARCOTICS SMUGGLING FROM BURMESE PORTS REPRESENTS  
ONE ALTERNATIVE TO THE TRADITIONAL LAND ROUTES WHICH CARRY  
THE BULK OF BURMESE NARCOTICS ENTERING WORLD MARKETS. WHILE  
THE SEIZED OPIUM MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO MEET DOMESTIC  
DEMAND IN SOUTHERN BURMA, IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THIS SHIPMENT  
WAS DESTINED FOR DELIVERY TO THAILAND OR MALAYSIA. THE MISSION  
IS REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS SEIZURE FROM THE  
APPROPRIATE BURMESE AUTHORITIES.  
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## Message Attributes

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